Films to be Telecast

1706. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the films proposed to be telecast on Fridays, Staturdays and Sunday of the forthcoming three months on Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) the criteria of selecting the film?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No advance list of films to be telecast in the subsequent quarter is being prepared by Doordarshan.

(b) The following are the broad criteria for selection of feature films for telecast on Doordarshan:

(a) International/National/State Awards won.

(b) Thematic Value.

(c) Cinematice Value.

(d) Entertainment Value.

(e) Suitability for Family Viewing.

(f) Year of Production.

(g) Extent to which the film has already been commercially exploited.

(h) Number of times the film has been shown on TV and from what stations.

[*English*]

Proposal to set up Autonomous District Council at Leh

1707. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an autonomous district council at Leh district in Ladakh to meet the growing demand for the same;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) (a) and (b). The Government has not made any proposal to constitute an autonomous Hill district Council at Leh. However, in the meeting held on 25.10.1989 at Leh it was agreed that further meetings would be held to consider various problems of the people of Ladakh region in the context of memorandum submitted by the Ladakh Buddhist Association which included the demand for grant of Autonomous Hill District Council.

2. Further discussions were held at Jammu on 10th January, 1990.

3. Recently on 19.11.1991 a further meeting was held by the governor with the representatives of Ladakh Buddhist Association and the representatives again put-forth their proposal for setting up of an Autonomous Hill district Council. While appreciating the difficulties and aspirations of the people of the region, the governor agreed that the matter will be examined in its totality and options evolved will be included for consideration at the next round of discussions to be held in early January, 1991.

Setting up of smaller exchangee in semi-urban and rural areas

1708. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: